

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 24th May 2015

Silent Key Bill EI3DM

The death has occurred of William (Bill) Foley on 16th May 2015. Bill was the holder of the first EI VHF licence. Funeral took place to Mount St. Jerome Cemetery on Tuesday 19th May.

May he rest in peace.

Contest News

The 40 metres counties contest held last weekend was well supported, with most counties represented and plenty of interest also from British stations, some of which were looking for Worked All Ireland squares. We would like to remind those who participated to submit their logs as soon as possible; note that the deadline for log submission is next Sunday, 31st May. Logs should be sent to the contest manager Joe EI7GY, his contact details are on the IRTS web site.

The next IRTS contest is CW Field Day, which takes place over the weekend of 6th and 7th June. A number of IARU Region 1 countries hold CW field day contests over the same weekend. The contest runs for 24 hours from 15:00 UTC on Saturday. See www.irts.ie/contests for full details.

IRTS Committee and Officers

At a recent committee meeting, three members of the society were co-opted to the committee - they are Ger EI4GXB, Paul EI5KI and Dave EI6AL. Also at the meeting it was agreed that Dave EI6AL would have the dual role of Treasurer and Membership Records Officer. See the "About IRTS" section of www.irts.ie for full details of the society's committee members and officers.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

April and May 2015 have been busy months for members of Tipperary Amateur Radio Group who participated in both the recent EI Counties Contests. The club callsign was used to give out points in County Galway on Easter Monday and then

County Kilkenny on Sunday 17th May. Other group members who participated in the contests from various locations were Eddie EI3FFB, Andy EI5JF, Hugh EI2HI, Tommy EI2IT, John EI7IG and Paul EI3ENB.

At the IRTS AGM in Kilkenny the group was presented with the winning trophies for 80m Counties Contest (Portable section) and VHF section of the UHF/VHF Field Day.

The IRTS news is transmitted every Sunday evening at 8.30pm on 145.450MHz FM and to promote activity on the 2m band there is a net after the news call-in where everyone is welcome to participate.

Finally, congratulations to Eddie EI3FFB who is listed in the credits of the movie The Quiet Hour. Eddie supplied his radio equipment as a 'prop' in the making of the movie which was filmed last year in Co Tipperary. This movie was recently nominated for Best UK Feature Film and is a winner of the Kansas Film Festival.

For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to the group website www.ei7trg.ie

IRTS AGM 2015 Awards, Trophies & Cups

A complete awards list, trophies and cups presented at the AGM is available on www.irts.ie/awards Amongst the awards presented was the Shandon Trophy awarded to the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group EI7T/P, Slievenamon Shield was awarded to Joe Ryan EI7GY/P, Dermot Cowley EI2AK Memorial Cup awarded to Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR/P, Michael Collins Memorial Trophy awarded to Fergus Millar EI6IB, Shiela Piper Cup awarded to Aidan Noone EI7JC, EI3AV Perpetual Cup awarded to Limerick Radio Club EI4LRC, John Ash Chapman Shield awarded to South Eastern Amateur Radio Group, The President's Cup awarded to John McCarthy EI8JA. More to follow next week.

DX News

Erik N5WR will operate holiday style in the Cayman Islands from 27th May to 7th June. He will use the callsign ZF2WA and will operate mainly CW. QSLs go via his home call.

Christoph DL1YAF will be active from Lord Howe Island signing DL1YAF/VK9L from 30th May 3rd June. He will operate SSB and CW on 10 – 80m.

Pasi OH3WS will be on Market Reef until 31st May. Look out for him signing OJ0W on 40 – 10m mainly CW.

Prefix hunters may be interested in working a special event station from Cyprus. This is 5B70VE which is on the air until the end of May to commemorate VE Day. QSL Manager is 5B4AHO.

KC4AAC is the callsign of a station located on Anvers Island in the Antarctic. The operator is Mike KD5GLX and he hopes to be active on the bands until late October. QSL cards go to K1IED.

2m Nets

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The May meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford tomorrow night Monday 25th May at 8.00 p.m. New members and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's activities you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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